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ETS could soon get smart

- Proposed smart cards are refillable, would eliminate use of change, transit tickets and passes, supporters say
- City may approach province to help fund new program ► 2012 budget deliberations will begin next month



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Edmonton Transit could soon get smarter.

A council committee agreed yesterday to have staff look at putting money toward the smart-card initiative in the 2012 budget.

"It will come to budget," said

Coun. Ben Henderson. "Hopefully, we will move it forward from there."

Mayor Stephen Mandel said the plan would have a number of effects. It could charge riders

for the length of their trip, as opposed to other statuses, provide ETS with better, more accurate real-time data and reduce fare evasion.

Earlier this year, the cost was

estimated at \$26 million over four years.

Henderson said the system would pay itself back over eight or nine years through savings in other areas.

Battle. Of Alberta



► Edmonton Oilers' Ryan Whitney holds the leg of Calgary Flames captain Jarome Iginla after the two collided during last night's game in Calgary. The Flames scored two goals in the third period to beat the Oilers 2-1. Story, page 20.

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Oilers let lead slip away against rival Flames

Vandalism

Cleaning up the graffiti

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Man convicted of smuggling animals

An Edmonton man has been convicted of illegally importing rattlesnakes and scorpions. Terrell John Gruse was fined \$10,000 and was ordered to pay \$1,400 towards the seized animals' care. The Environmental Damages Fund nets \$9,000 of the penalty.

Gruse was charged in 2009 at a border near Cranbrook, B.C., under the Wild Animal and Plant Protection and Regulation of International, Interprovincial Trade Act and the Species at Risk Act.

Environment Canada found the snakes were from the wild and the scorpions were from a U.S. pet store. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

43rd murder victim killed by gunshot

Police have confirmed the city's 43rd homicide victim of 2011 died from a gunshot wound.

Nakoa Thomas, 22, was found wounded near 131 Avenue and 69 Street just after midnight last Friday. He died of his injuries in hospital.

Police said they still have no clear suspect description. Anyone with information can call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 and submit tips anonymously.

Friends of Thomas held a candlelight vigil Monday and candles and flowers could still be seen yesterday near the Balwin area crime scene. **● METRO**



► Graffiti as a form of vandalism is a problem facing many cities worldwide, including Edmonton. The city is host to this year's TAGS: The Anti Graffiti Symposium, a national conference on the prevention and reduction of graffiti that started yesterday.

Curb graffiti, prevent crime?

- Graffiti can lead to further crime, say experts in town for a symposium
- Two-day TAGS conference offers insights on prevention, enforcement



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Graffiti could only be the beginning of a long criminal career, say experts, which is why the number of young people involved needs to be reduced.

Edmonton is host to this year's TAGS: The Anti Graffiti Symposium, which started yesterday. It has brought experts from across Canada and around the world.

"The writing is on the wall," said deputy police chief Neil Dubord.

"It is no secret graffiti is a problem experienced by cities everywhere."

Sgt. Val Spicer, one of the keynote speakers and an officer with the Vancouver Police Department, which initiated TAGS in 2005, said there is a need to understand the link between graffiti as a minor crime that leads to more serious offences.

Those offences include

increased gang activity, as well as crime and disorder in general, said Dubord.

According to Dubord, the areas hardest hit by graffiti in Edmonton are Whyte Avenue, Jasper Avenue and 124 Street.

In Edmonton, the Graffiti Management Program launched in 2008, and the first-ever graffiti audit was released earlier this year.

It resulted in a 19-year-old being charged with 176 counts of graffiti-related mischief.

City graffiti

- In the 2010 graffiti audit, it was discovered that 10 taggers were responsible for nearly half the graffiti in the top 20 neighbourhoods affected by vandalism.
- There were 3,395 incidents of graffiti reported in 2010, and 2,574 so far this year.
- To date for 2011, city bylaw officers have had a 99.5 per cent compliance rate with respect to graffiti vandalism removal.



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Morton cleared in email allegations

Alberta Energy Minister Ted Morton has been cleared of allegations he used a different email name in government correspondence to avoid public scrutiny.

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sioner Frank Work said though the email name "frederick lee" did not match the name Morton goes by, there was no intent to deceive.

Frederick and Lee are Morton's real first and second names.

Morton says he used the second email to manage correspondence and didn't intend to deceive or hide from freedom of information requests.

The allegations came up last month.

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ETS driver charged in death

Police have charged a bus driver who struck and killed 28-year-old Ailish O'Connor in April. Bruce Charles Perrin, 51, faces driving with undue care and fail to yield to a pedestrian charges. ● METRO

Workplace accident claims one

A man working for Dawson Wallace on a construction site died yesterday after a piece of steel fell on him. OHS was called to the 145 Avenue and 156 Street site around 3:15 p.m. ● METRO

Protesters able to continue occupation of private park

► Occupy Edmonton to focus on rallies, actions to engage the city



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Jubilant cheers and spontaneous chants broke out at the Occupy Edmonton camp yesterday, after protesters learned they could stay put.

"We'll continue to liaise," said protest spokesperson and organizer Chelsea Taylor. "(But) it was announced to us that Melcor is not going to ask us to leave."

Melcor, the landowner, initially wanted the group gone from Jasper Avenue and 102 Street by 10 a.m. yesterday.

CEO and president Ralph Young said the concerns are about safety and that the protest remains peaceful —

Occupy Edmonton

- Between 40 and 60 people continue to camp following a protest with more than 1,000 people at Churchill Square last Saturday.
- A rally at Petroleum Plaza is planned for today at noon. There are other rallies in the works, potentially at a bank, the legislature and more at Churchill Square.

which it has.

"We can't have a long-term occupation of the site," said Young. "But it was not necessary to request them to move (yesterday)."

Young didn't say how long they could stay, only that the situation would be monitored. Mayor Stephen



► Occupy Edmonton spokesperson Chelsea Taylor adds to a large canvas at the camp on Jasper Avenue and 102 Street yesterday. Along with the canvas are more than 20 tents where protesters have been sleeping.

Mandel said should the group ever move to a public park, they would have to

abide by the bylaw that states they vacate by 11 p.m.

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Crime bill sparks war of words

► Conservatives say their bill is effective and affordable, at a cost of \$78.5M over five years

One expert after another is warning the federal government that its massive crime bill will do more harm than good, costing taxpayers dearly for a punitive system that will only serve to make the streets more dangerous.

But Conservative MPs are questioning the credibility of those experts, suggesting they are advocating for criminals.

"We believe the substance of this legislation both to be self-defeating and counterproductive, if the goal is to enhance public safety," Eric Gottardi, vice-chair of the Canadian Bar Association's national criminal justice section, said yesterday.

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Massive package

► The omnibus bill merges nine previous pieces of legislation, and adds new elements, tying them into a massive package that critics say is an "incoherent" attempt to crack down on dangerous criminals.

► The measures aim to toughen penalties for drug traffickers, child-sex crimes and violent young offenders. The bill would also make pardons more difficult to obtain. And it would give victims of crime more rights to have their voices heard in the parole system.

Prisoners. Freed



► Palestinian youth celebrate the release of prisoners at the Rafah border crossing in southern Gaza Strip yesterday. More than 1,000 Palestinian prisoners were released in exchange for captive Israeli soldier Gilad Shalit, seen after his release in inset.

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Israeli, Palestinians return home

Israeli officials said Gilad Shalit showed signs of malnutrition as he emerged from more than five years of captivity, and his father said he needed time to recover from psychological and physical wounds. Palestinians celebrated the release of their prisoners in the West Bank and Gaza, where massive rallies festooned with green Hamas flags were held.

Hard times for young families

A Canadian research institute says baby boomers are retiring as the wealthiest generation in history while couples with young children are stuck in an economic squeeze.

The Human Early Learn-

ing Partnership at the University of British Columbia released a report calling on federal and provincial governments to spend \$22 billion on social programs to fix a declining standard of living for young families.

Public policy professor Paul Kershaw, a self-proclaimed crusader for families, released the findings in Saskatoon with colleagues from the University of Saskatchewan.

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30 Accounting for inflation, young couples are bringing in nearly the same household income as those before them did 30 years ago, even though there are more women in the workforce, said public policy professor Paul Kershaw.

76 Kershaw's report blames skyrocketing housing prices and expensive daycare. It said the average housing price in Canada has jumped 76 per cent since 1976.

18 Kershaw said parental leave should be increased to

18 months from 12, especially to give dads more time at home with their children.

80 The report recommends insuring 80 per cent of parental income — up to \$60,000 a year — double the existing benefit.

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▶ Man catching cheating wife raises the question: Can you ever be alone?



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Next time you download a mobile app, be warned: it could wreck your marriage, as one episode in New York City suggests.

A man claims he discovered his wife was two-timing him after turning on his new iPhone 4S and his Find My Friends app pinpointed her exact location.

Whether this "spying via app" story is a hoax or not, it raises the question of what the possibilities are in "smartphone espionage."

"The story raises big privacy issues: people either forget their apps are turned on, or they are just careless about using them. You might have just bro-



▶ People turning to their mobile phones to tell others where they are has been a boon for burglars, because if you're somewhere, that also means you're not at home.

ken up and it'll be easy for your ex to start stalking you," Graham Cluley, senior technology consultant at the London-based secu-

rity company Sophos, told Metro.

So, next time you find yourself about to install a mobile app that tracks

your movements while you mosey through town, well, think about it twice. It may be used against you.

You can't hide

These apps find you and tell the world.

- ▶ **Four Square**
Lets you virtually "check in" to different locations, find out where your friends are and receive adds about what may interest you nearby.
- ▶ **Find My Friends**
Free gizmo tracks down where people are at a given time through reading out a text location, and by plotting buddies on a map.
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A Florida woman got a shock when she opened a recent mobile-phone bill: she owed \$201,000.

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Celina Aarons has her two brothers on her plan. They are deaf and cannot speak, so the easiest way for them to communicate is by texting. Aarons has a data plan that usually costs about \$175.

But her brothers spent

two weeks in Canada and Aarons never changed to an international plan. Her brothers sent more than 2,000 texts and also downloaded videos, sometimes racking up \$2,000 in data charges.

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Youth face vandalism, hate-crime charges

On the rampage

► The youths are also accused of vandalizing Seaside Elementary School, Bob Hilchie Memorial Ball Field, a post office box and HRM signs.

Three male youths from the Halifax area are facing charges of vandalism and hate crimes.

Halifax RCMP say the teens spray-painted a swastika and the N-word in the driveway of a home in Eastern Passage back in August.

The teens also drew "pornographic pictures" as well as other obscenities

on two other homes in the area, according to police spokesman Cpl. Scott MacRae.

Police say the hate-crime charge was laid because the message could have caused harm to the homeowners, who are reportedly black.

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Do I have to pay anything out of my own pocket?

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How do I get my money?

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I have other questions.

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BBX is wave of future: RIM

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► New operating system will help company take on Apple, co-CEO says

Decline and fall

- **RIM, based in Waterloo, Ont.,** once claimed a market value of about \$70 billion and has, from time to time, been Canada's most valuable company.
- **RIM shares have been** held by millions of Canadians in their pensions, mutual funds or other investments.
- **It now has a market value** of about \$12 billion and shareholders have complained about its lagging stock price and corporate leadership.

Research In Motion's new mobile operating system will power its next-generation BlackBerry smartphones and PlayBook tablets to better compete with Internet-friendly Apple and Android devices.

Yesterday's announcement by co-CEO Mike Lazaridis comes just days after RIM had the worst service outage in its history. The company is trying to reposition its wireless devices as market leaders. "Today, I'm pleased to announce our next-generation platform, BBX," Lazaridis said at RIM's software developer conference in San Francisco.

The BBX platform is based on the system that is already in the PlayBook tablet but has been expanded, Lazaridis said.

RIM is expected to launch new BlackBerrys

with the more powerful BBX system early next year. They are expected to be even more like mobile computers.

Lazaridis reiterated that



► Mike Lazaridis, co-CEO of Research in Motion, speaks at the BlackBerry DevCon Americas conference yesterday in San Francisco.

RIM won't ditch its PlayBook, which has been languishing on store shelves and sold fewer than one million units since its de-

but in April.

"We're absolutely committed to the BlackBerry PlayBook," he said.

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Economy be darned, we're going on holiday!

Canadians are still planning fall and winter vacations despite uncertainty about the economy, a Bank of Montreal survey says. It found 61 per cent of Canadians say they will take a fall or winter holiday. About 20 per cent say they will travel outside Canada.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Wheat board mulls action against Ottawa

The federal government could face a challenge to its plan to strip the Canadian Wheat Board of its monopoly on western wheat and barley sales in time for the next crop year.

Board chairman Allan Oberg says he is meeting agency directors next week to look at legal options.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

HOUSING MARKET STRUGGLING

American builders adjust outlook

U.S. homebuilders are less pessimistic about the housing market, but not enough to signal a recovery any time soon. The National Association of Home Builders said

yesterday that its index of builder sentiment this month rose to 18 from 14. Any reading below 50 indicates negative sentiment about the market.

Last year, the number of Americans who bought new homes fell to its lowest level in nearly 50 years. Sales this year have not fared much better, as builders struggle to compete with foreclosures, which have made the price of resale homes more competitive.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Greece. Debt crisis



► Mounds of rotting garbage line the port of Piraeus, near Athens. Greece ordered garbage collectors back to work yesterday as a campaign of strikes escalated against tough austerity measures to be voted on this week.

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Greek garbage workers strike back

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TO INFINITY AND BEYOND

JUST SAYIN' ...

PAUL SULLIVAN
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Cancun, wake up! In the next five years, according to delegates to this week's National Symposium for Personal and Commercial Spaceflight, outfits such as Sir Richard Branson's Virgin Galactic, Blue Origin, and XCOR Aerospace will routinely offer space flights of fancy.

While early space tourism is not exactly going where no one has gone before — it will feature the kind of sub-space trips flown by the Mercury pioneer astronauts in the '60s — it's still a far cry from Sandals. The view is to die for, and you get to experience weightlessness for five whole minutes. Bite me, gravity.

This is not science fiction: It's going to happen. Virgin Galactic has already glide-tested the VSS Enterprise, and the six-passenger ship will undergo rocket-powered tests next year. Meanwhile, 450 people have put down \$20,000 deposits on the \$200,000 fare

Virgin Galactic will charge when it finally gets off the ground. AXCOR's two-seater Lynx will be a little cheaper: \$95,000 for a round trip.

There's no word how many frequent-flyer points will be required, but rumour has it they'll start with a zillion and work up from there. Blackouts will be routine — and that's once you're on the flight. The entire experience will take only two and a half hours, but for space geeks the memories will last a lifetime ... if they survive re-entry.

Virgin is even building a spaceport in the New Mexico desert, which is appropriate, considering that nearby Roswell is the world HQ for alien encounters.

The \$209-million Spaceport America was christened a couple of days ago by Branson himself, who climbed down the side, quaffing champagne. Let's get this party started.

For those of you who think it's a waste of money and carbon and would rather go to Tuscany, I understand.

For \$200K, you could spend the entire growing season in a luxury Tuscan villa, where it's warmer and sunnier than space, where the average temperature is three degrees above absolute zero. Well, at least it's not absolute zero.

The view in Tuscany is also pretty good, but on a clear day in space, you can see everywhere.

So far, I haven't been able to convince my wife to deposit 20 grand on the VSS Enterprise. She's up for a cruise but was thinking Alaska or the Caribbean.

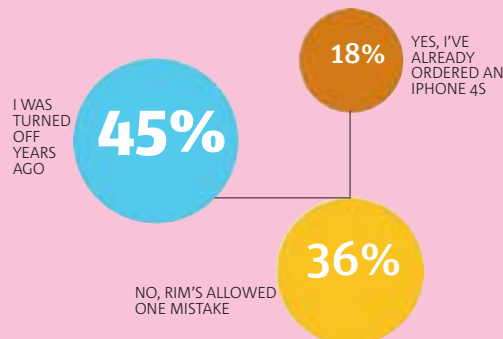
I guess some people do not want to boldly go where no one has gone before, unless it has room service.

Read more of Paul Sullivan's columns at metronews.ca/justsayin



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Did the outage turn you off of BlackBerry smartphones?



Letters

There is a federal review of all spending by all government departments underway. All departments have been told to look at their budgets with a view to cutting five per cent or 10 per cent (both are an option) from their operations and programming budgets. This type of review is needed in these tumultuous financial times, but unfortunately it also includes Veterans Affairs Canada.

We will battle with all we have to prevent any programs or operations that will have the direct effect of our veterans' benefits being cut. Veterans — serving or retired; regular, reserve or RCMP — should always be given the thanks of the country that put them in harm's way. There is a way to show that thanks — and that is by not cutting any benefits that have accrued to them in the past because of this review.

President Barack Obama has stated that American veterans' programs would be exempt from the U.S. program review and that the U.S. would not live off the backs of the American veteran.

PATRICIA VARGA
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photo of the day



► This photo titled FUN At The Park! was submitted to the Photo of the Day category by stevetroletti.com from Montreal.

Metro invites its readers to join the Metro Global Photo Challenge — running in 100 cities on four continents — to win fantastic prizes and worldwide recognition. Enter your digital photos at metrophoto-challenge.com. The contest runs until Nov. 22. As well as a chance to win a trip to any city Metro publishes, one submission will also be featured here daily.

WEIRD NEWS

PhDs can only be explained by interpretive dance

So you think you can dance, Einstein?

Two Canadian scientists are among 16 finalists in this year's edition of a growing international competition that uses PhD theses as inspiration for dance videos.

"The goal of the contest is to be able to portray your research in a way that's fun to watch and that's easy to understand," said Erin McConnell, a Carleton University biochemist. Her

thesis DNA Aptamers as a Tool for Studying Mental Health Disease is surprisingly well-expressed using of hip-hop, ballet and Highland fling.

The annual Dance Your Thesis contest attempts to use dance to bridge the gap between science and the public — and lets scientists blow off a little steam after too many hours in the lab.

Creator John Bohanon said it all began as a way to liven up a New Year's Eve party. "I wanted it to be a dance party, but scientists are like everyone — you either need a lot of alcohol or a bizarre party theme to lighten the mood," he said. "I figured it would be really fun to have everyone compete by explaining their PhD research in dance form." **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Weighing in on Solutions to the Obesity Problem

Amid a constant barrage of new diets and weight loss plans, people with excess weight continue to struggle.

Obesity is a worldwide epidemic with an estimated one billion adults being considered overweight or obese. Canada's most recent health statistics mirror that of other developed nations with 25% of adults found to be obese. Obesity is affecting men, women, and even children. It's a risk factor for other health conditions including heart disease, high blood pressure and type 2 diabetes.

At first glance, the main cause of this problem is excess calorie intake.

Being on a diet often causes people to become preoccupied with food. Dieting can cause the body to go into "starvation mode", slowing down the metabolism because it thinks it will run out of food soon. It also sets up a cycle of overindulgence on forbidden foods, and feelings of guilt.

The diet mentality is so powerful it can cause thin people to gain weight once they've been put on a diet. One study found that dieting caused formerly diet-free people to have more cravings

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Despite their on-going popularity, diet plans only help people lose weight in the short term. According to scientific research, less than 5% of dieters lose weight and maintain their weight loss for more than five years. In the long run, nothing changes and a relapse into old eating habits or inactivity eventually occurs.

Not only do diets not work, they can be counterproductive and damaging to a person's health and emotional wellbe-

and frequent thoughts about food. After losing ten pounds, they promptly gained it all back plus an additional five pounds. The extra weight was harder to lose because the restriction in food intake had slowed their metabolism.

Many people find themselves looking for a weight loss solution that doesn't hinder their lifestyle or impose limits on the number of calories consumed. Contrary to popular belief, this is not

lifestyle changes with the band acting in the form of "built-in portion control" to help people feel full on less food.

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Another makeover for the Musketeers

► A hilarious look at the reincarnations of our three favourite swashbucklers through the years

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What do beloved hoover Gene Kelly and post-millennial wild

man Charlie Sheen have in common? The Hollywood stars both were “all for one, one for all” in a Three Musketeers movie.

Kelly was the heroic D’Artagnan in the 1948 version of the Alexandre Dumas story, while Sheen was — unsurprisingly — the arrogant womanizer Aramis in 1993.

The swashbuckling exploits of D’Artagnan and his three friends first appeared in print in 1844. Sixty years later a French film detailed their exploits for the first time. Since then they have swashbuckled though an all-girl version called Barbie and the Three Musketeers, an old west adaptation starring John Wayne and bow wowed in an all canine edition called Dogtanian and the Three Muskethounds.

This weekend the all-new Three Musketeers brings their swashbuckling



► Logan Lerman, left, Luke Evans, Ray Stevenson and Matthew Macfadyen star in The Three Musketeers 3D.

style to the big screen for the 30th time in the last century.

The Gene Kelly Three Musketeers is probably the most accurate adaptation from page to stage, but the most entertaining — and star studded — has to be The Three Musketeers: The Queen’s Diamonds.

The 1973-era movie is bawdy, outrageous and action packed, with lavish set design and an even more lavish cast, including Michael York, Oliver Reed,

Charlton Heston, Christopher Lee, Raquel Welch and Faye Dunaway.

Highlights include a chess game played with trained dogs and monkeys and some of the best sword fighting this side of an Errol Flynn movie.

The Musketeer (2001) features plenty of swordplay, but amps up the action with crouching tiger choreography by martial arts master Xin Xin Xiong.

Starring Justin Chambers as D’Artagnan, the sto-

ry will ruffle the giant feather plumes worn by Dumas purists but as an action movie — Roger Ebert wrote, “Occasionally the action is interrupted by dialogue scenes” — it is the most exciting of the recent Musketeers movies.

Occasionally the Musketeers have appeared as supporting characters.

In 1998’s The Man in the Iron Mask, the aging D’Artagnan and his posse — played by Gabriel Byrne, Jeremy Irons, John Malkovich

and Gérard Depardieu — come out of retirement to rid France of an evil king, Louis XIV and replace him with his twin brother, both played by Leonardo Di Caprio.

Based on Dumas’s novel Count of Bragelonne the story was also the basis for The Fifth Musketeer, a 1979 movie with the unlikely cast of Beau Bridges as Louis XIV and Alan Hale Jr. (best known as The Skipper from Gilligan’s Island) as Musketeer Porthos.



Scene in brief



Glee star Cory Monteith has been named grand marshal of the Grey Cup festival parade. Monteith grew up in Victoria and moved to Vancouver as a teen to try his hand at acting. In a statement, Monteith said he is honoured to serve as grand marshal of the parade, adding that it’s a thrilling excuse to come home. The parade is set for Nov. 26.

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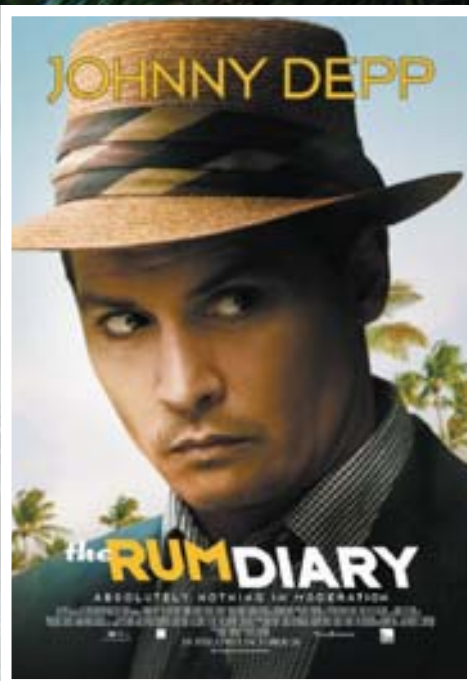
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Stalking success

► Jason Derulo dishes about working with cocky music producers and being followed around the world by one very obsessed female fan

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Jason Derulo's message to hit songwriters and producers: Check your egos at the door!

The 22-year-old singer, whose 2010 self-titled debut was produced by J.R. Rotem, wanted to challenge himself on his new album, so he held recording sessions with other producers.

Things didn't always go smoothly.

"Some of these people were walking in with these huge egos and they haven't really done anything and I'm like, 'I'm not really with that, man,'" said Derulo, best known for hits like Whatcha Say and In My Head. "I can't really get down like that."

Future History still features Rotem, but also includes

RedOne, The-Dream and DJ Frank E. It debuted at No. 29 on the Billboard charts last month.

So some sessions didn't go well?

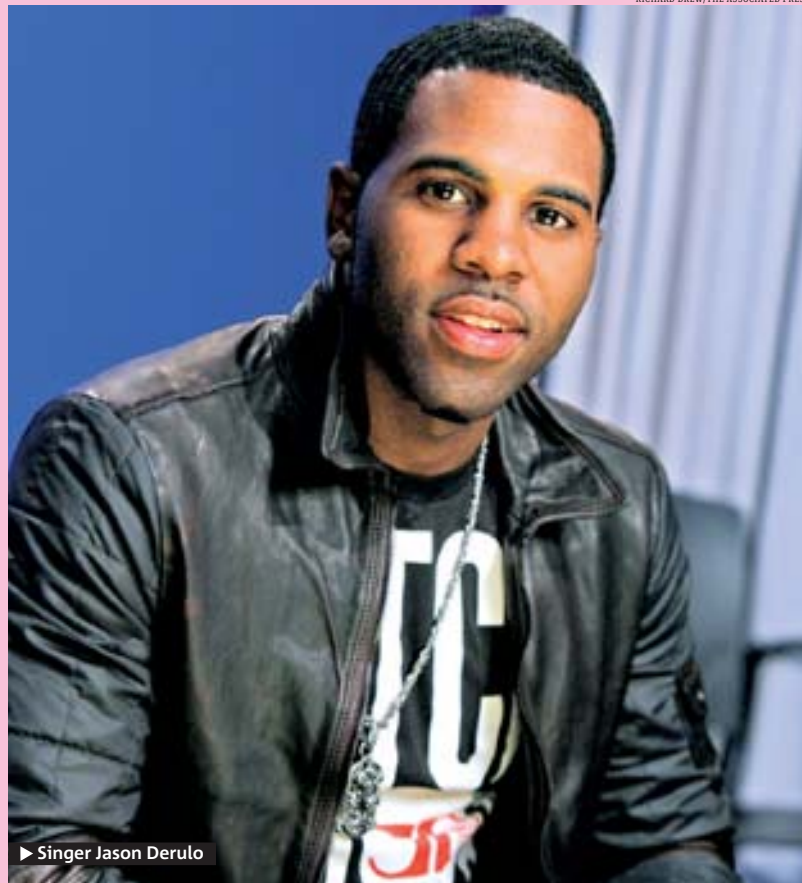
I'm a fan of a lot of other producers and their work, so I wanted to kind of dive in and see what that was like. So I worked with a lot of people (and in some instances it didn't work because I'm really not into working with people I don't have, like, a special connection with. ... So it has to be a friendly connection as well as business connection as well as a creative connection to make great material.

What would happen after it didn't work out?

So usually if I meet somebody and we don't click, I just won't finish the session. I'll be like, 'Maybe we can do this another time' and they'll never hear from me again.

How was RedOne?

He's somebody that's so down to earth ... a lot of these other people could take some notes. ... Just yesterday he was texting me, 'Hey, did you see the response on our songs? It's amazing. It's a smash.' He's like, 'I'm so excited.' Like, he still has that same excitement as he



► Singer Jason Derulo

did in the beginning, and that's incredible.

So the song Be Careful is about a stalker?

I had a stalker situation where I met this girl and it started off as something that I thought would be some kind of, I don't know what to call it, fling. But it just turned out to be something totally different and she was following me around the world. **Were you hesitant about writing the song since she was stalking you?**

I'm never hesitant about writing a song. It doesn't really matter what it is. If you don't want a song written about you, you should probably not be in my life (laughs). I'm going to write songs about anything. I've had girls sit in the studio with me and they just burst into tears because I literally will tell the whole story how it is, you know what I mean? Whether it's painful or not.

How did It Girl come about?

It definitely was one of those songs that kind of just like rolled off the tongue and I haven't found my "it girl" yet, but you know, I know she's out there somewhere.

What was it like recording Breathing, which is uptempo but is also about your cousin's death?

It's partly about my cousin's passing and partly about a relationship I was in. ... It has a positive-negative vibe to it. If you're going through something you don't have to dwell in it. You can pick yourself up and that was the thought process behind writing this song and during the recording process, during the writing process it was pretty emotional and pretty rough for me ... I was actually in tears when I was making the record.

Are you going on tour?

I'm starting my tour in February ... going to the

"I'm never hesitant about writing a song. It doesn't really matter what it is. If you don't want a song written about you, you should probably not be in my life."

JASON DERULO, ON PENNING A SONG ABOUT HIS STALKER

U.K. then Australia and I think I'm going to come to America after. I'm excited because we're doing these huge rooms and there's a lot of things that I wanted to do that I couldn't do because I was a new artist and the budgets weren't there, or the venues weren't big enough that I was playing at. But now selling out these 15,000-seaters across the world is really exciting. I can spread my wings. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Demi Moore puts on brave face for rumours

► Wears wedding ring in her first public appearance since infidelity news

Making her first appearance since reports of Ashton Kutcher's infidelity went public, Demi Moore walked the red carpet at the New York premiere of her new film, *Margin Call*, this week, according to *Us Weekly*.

The actress, who showed up solo but wore her wedding ring, put on a "stoic smile," according to onlookers.

"Everyone was remarking how thin Demi was, more so than usual," a source says. "She seemed in a decent mood though, even a little happy to be there."

Infidelity rumours have plagued the couple for months with much of the blame landing at the feet of Kutcher. **METRO**

"Everyone was remarking how thin Demi was...She seemed in a decent mood though, even a little happy to be there." SOURCE



► Demi Moore

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Yooooouuu ... got arrested

Rapper Soulja Boy — whose real name is DeAndre Cortez — was arrested for marijuana possession yesterday in Temple, Ga., according to *TMZ*.

The 21-year-old's car was pulled over for a traffic violation, but police then found "a substantial amount" of marijuana in

the car, as well a selection of guns and close to \$70,000 in cash.

The four other passengers in the car were arrested as well.

Soulja Boy shot to fame following his smash Internet hit *Crank That* (Soulja Boy).

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► Soulja Boy

LaBeouf gets knocked out

It was another wild night out recently for Shia LaBeouf, who got into a bar brawl at Cinema Public House in Vancouver, according to *Radar Online*.

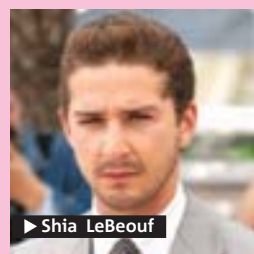
"He got into a confrontation with a couple of

people. He took a few punches to the face. He was obviously pretty intoxicated," a source says.

The actor and another patron were reportedly bounced from the establishment, but their alterca-

tion continued on the street until both could be restrained.

A video emerged Thursday showing the actor getting repeatedly punched before staggering to his feet. **METRO**



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Travel in brief



British billionaire Richard Branson was in Sierra County in southern New Mexico on Monday to get the keys to Spaceport America, the newly completed terminal and hangar facility where his Virgin Galactic will begin its commercial space tourism venture from this remote patch of desert. The building will house Virgin Galactic's spacecraft, mission control and a preparation area for space tourists.

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NYC skyline park inspires ideas for new life for old viaduct blighting Philly's 'eraserhood'

Out of this world

- ▶ Sedona, Ariz., has long been associated with spiritual and paranormal activity
- ▶ But this quirky locale offers visitors plenty to do — just watch out for little green men

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They say there's some magic in those beautiful red rock

formations in mystic Sedona, Ariz., and who am I to argue?

Truth is, it's pretty hard to find any place on earth more beautiful than this strange oasis tucked in the middle of the desert. I had heard stories of this spiritual mecca being a sacred place for Aboriginals for thousands of years, and soon after arriving I could see why.

Sedona is just somehow different, and almost surreal compared to the endless flat desert surrounding it. Many visitors have reported countless spiritual and paranormal experiences, and the UFO sightings continue to pour in every year.

In fact, Sedona is considered a major power centre, right up there with Stone Henge and the Pyramids, and I have to admit, I felt a certain surge in my aura while strolling among those amazing rocks.

It may have been the wine and burritos from the night before, but I swear many of Sedona's massive rock formations looked almost intricately carved by someone or something.

Maybe it was the aliens.



▶ There's something about the red rock formations in Sedona, Ariz., that captivate visitors.

Cathedral Rock and Bell Rock are two of the most popular attractions in the area. Bell Rock is considered by some to be a portal to other dimensions.

I could almost envision the mother ship waiting for me ... or not. Whether you happen to believe in the supernatural or find it all hogwash, Sedona is well worth the pilgrimage. I found myself a tad awestruck at the unique beauty all around.

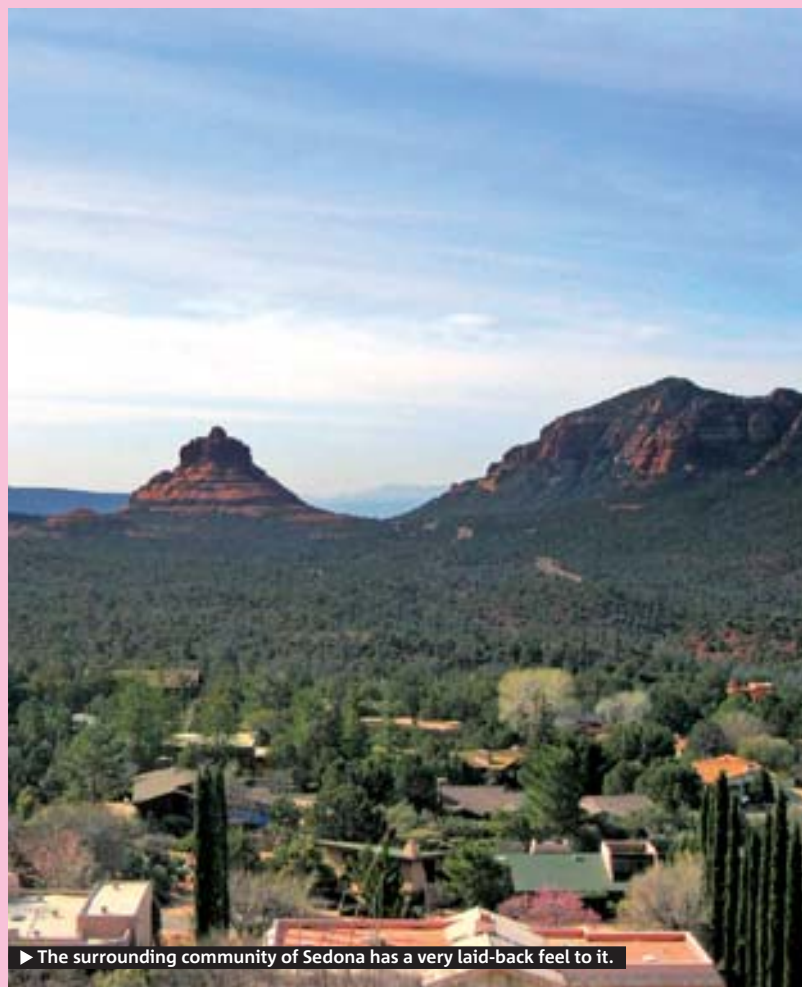
The surrounding community has a very laid back, almost spaced out (pardon the pun) feel to it.

There's plenty of hidden canyons and trails for hiking and mountain biking, and many show up to enjoy a day of "birding," apparently the cool Sedona way of bird watching. Because its elevation is more than 1,300 metres, there are a unique variety of feathered friends to watch year round.

Although they have little in common, Sedona does share one feature with its polar opposite, Las Vegas.

In recent years, many couples flocking to the magic rocks for quickie, but spiritual weddings.

There is a lot to love in this magical little oasis ... just watch out for little green men!



▶ The surrounding community of Sedona has a very laid-back feel to it.

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Going Solo

► Travelling alone offers a unique perspective for women ► But common sense and safety are important

For women, solo travel can be an eye-opening experience. People will invite you to an activity, or offer tips on a hidden gem not listed in the guidebook.

But it can also carry some risks.

"I find that if I am travelling alone, it is much easier to meet the locals," said Betty Thesky, 46, a flight attendant who has been to more than 30 countries, and whose first solo trip was to Jordan and Israel.

Thesky says that "you

are more approachable when you are by yourself, and people assume that if you're alone, you would appreciate company."

Angie Orth, 29, who left her job as a New York public relations executive to travel the world for a year, said travelling solo allows her to be selfish with her time, money and itinerary.

"You can do whatever you want. If you want to sit in a cafe and drink coffee and be on Facebook all day, you can."



► Safety should be the number one priority for women travelling alone.

Meeting others

Thesky said she finds there's an unwritten rule among solo travellers that asking another traveller to dinner or drinks in a new country does not automatically constitute a date.

"Once you start to real-

ize how friendly people can be, it gets much easier to approach them," Thesky said.

Elinor Warkentin, 52, of Vancouver, recommends that female solo travellers consider joining an organization like Women Welcome Women World Wide.

The group connects female travellers with women living in the country they are visiting.

Warkentin has met or stayed with more than 100 women this way, and is often met at airports and train stations by other group members.



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► Travelling alone allows you to be selfish with your time and itinerary, choosing the sites you want to see.

Safety First

One of the downsides of being alone is that you can't trust everyone you meet.

"You just have to be a little more careful when you're on your own," says Orth. Orth, who is single, says she tells people that she's in a relationship as a way to set a clear boundary from the start.

Safety is also an important consideration for Warkentin.

After being robbed of her camera at knifepoint while travelling alone in Chile in 1992, she downsized her camera and routinely uses windows or other reflective surfaces to see who's behind her.

She also always maps out in advance how to reach her first hotel upon arrival in a new country, and leaves expensive jewelry at home while trying to blend in to the local culture.

She recommends a bus tour the first day in a new place too, as a way to get oriented.

Where to stay

Thesky recommends hostels and budget hotels for single travellers because they often have common areas where people can meet. Another resource is the website for Couchsurfing, which connects travellers to hosts with free informal lodging as well as offering options for simply meeting locals for coffee or a drink. "We all have a desire to get to know each other," says Warkentin.

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For more information

► Angie Orth's blog about her solo trip: angieaway.com

► Betty Thesky's podcast about travel: bettyintheshky.com

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Let the foodie battle begin

► Recipe to Riches sees 21 home cooks go toe-to-toe ► Try a dish from one of the competitors



► This recipe makes 12 servings.

Brad Gash from Gatineau, Que., isn't the typical food competition contender. However, the avid outdoorsmans and civil servant is getting a chance to possibly see his signature dish in stores across Canada, thanks to the Food Network's Recipe to Riches.

The show sees 21 finalists compete in seven categories, ranging from

appetizers to entrées and desserts. The winners of each category stand to receive a \$25,000 cash prize and see their recipe developed into a President's Choice product.

The best part? Each week, Canadians have the chance to sample category winners' products in-store. Once category winners are determined, a \$250,000

prize is up for grabs.

Preparation:

1 Heat oven to 400°F (200°C). In saucepan, bring cream and maple syrup to boil over medium heat. Pour into 13 x 9 inch (3 L) glass baking dish.

2 In bowl, whisk together flour, baking powder

and salt; set aside.

3 In stand mixer fitted with paddle attachment, beat butter with sugar until light. Beat in eggs one at a time. Beat in milk and vanilla. Beat in flour mixture just until combined. Using ice cream scoop or two large spoons, scoop 12 mounds of batter into

Ingredients:

- 2 cups (500 mL) 35% whipping cream
- 2 cups (500 mL) maple syrup
- 3-1/3 cups (825 mL) all-purpose flour
- 4 tsp (20 mL) baking powder
- 1-1/2 tsp (7 mL) salt
- 1 cup (250 mL) unsalted butter, at room temperature
- 2/3 cup (150 mL) packed brown sugar
- 4 eggs
- 1-1/2 cups (375 mL) milk
- 2 tsp (10 mL) vanilla

hot syrup in baking dish.

4 Bake in centre of oven for 40 minutes or until golden brown and firm to the touch.

BRAD GASH'S MAPLE PUDDING CHÔMEUR COURTESY OF FOOD NETWORK. RECIPE TO RICHES PREMIERES TONIGHT AT 9 PM ET/PT ON FOOD NETWORK CANADA

Watch for...

► **Melissa Lam**
Calgary's Melissa is competing with her Banana Chocolate Cake.

Drink of the week

Corpse Reviver

With Halloween less than two weeks away, it's time to start preparing for those scary parties. This drink for the big kids will get anyone in the mood.

- 30 ml (1 oz) gin
- 30 ml (1 oz) Lillet (blanc)
- 30 ml (1 oz) triple sec
- Juice of half a lemon
- 5 drops of absinthe
- 1 thin slice orange

In a cocktail shaker filled with ice, combine gin, Lillet, triple sec, lemon juice and absinthe. Strain into a martini glass, then garnish with orange slice.

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Impress with Polpette di Funghi

► These "egg balls" are a great appetizer for dinner parties ► Mushrooms take this to the next level

Preparation:

1 Beat eggs and baking soda with a whisk. Slowly add cheese, breadcrumbs, parsley and mushrooms to egg mix. Season with sea salt and pepper and fold gently until all ingredi-

ents combined.

2 Using teaspoon, form small balls of the mix, then roll in extra Panko crumbs.

3 Heat oil in frying pan, add egg balls 3 at a time

and fry over medium heat until golden brown all round. Turn to make sure they brown evenly. Drain on a paper towel and continue until all balls are fried up.

4 Heat pasta sauce over medium heat and add balls when sauce is bubbling. Turn heat down to low and partially cover saucepan. Continue to heat for 7 minutes — balls will be warm through and will have absorbed some of the sauce. Serve topped with fresh basil. **NEWS CANADA/ MARDI MICHELS OF EATLIVETRAVELWRITE.COM**

Ingredients:

- 2 eggs
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 50g freshly grated Parmesan
- 50g Panko breadcrumbs, plus extra for rolling
- 1/4 cup chopped plain parsley

- 1/2 cup finely diced fresh mushrooms (crimini, button, whatever you like)
- Pinch sea salt
- Freshly ground black pepper
- Olive oil for frying
- One jar (about 700mls) of your favourite pasta sauce



► This recipe makes 10 servings.

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► Get commitments in print or risk no follow-through

WORKPLACE LAW

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Are you dreaming of becoming the next senior executive of your company? Are those dreams based on assurances of more money, seniority and status? If so then read on as this is the story of one employee who recently learned that employment promises must clearly be put into writing, otherwise it is as if they were never made at all.

Thomas McNeely was a "big deal" employee working as a senior executive for a weight loss company, Herbal Magic, when a group of investors came together in a bid to purchase the company. McNeely, a sophisticated business per-

son, was actively involved in the negotiations leading to the acquisition of the company and maintained his interest in becoming its next president and CEO. However, he was reluctant to invest his own money in the deal.

To persuade him to put up his own capital, McNeely was assured by the other investors that he would be a long-term senior employee of the new company and a member of its board of directors. However, this was not put into writing. Instead, McNeely negotiated an employment contract containing an "entire agreement" clause, which is a contractual term prohibiting parties to the contract from relying on any oral promises not written into the contract itself.

After the acquisition, McNeely was named president and CEO, but only for seven months, until he was fired and removed from the board of directors. Since McNeely was unable to withdraw his financial in-

vestment in the company, he sued, claiming that the promises made to him constituted an agreement apart from the contract he signed.

At a recent court hearing, the judge concluded that the clause in McNeely's contract prevented him from relying on any promises or agreements not contained within the contract, despite the fact that the defendant did not deny making those statements. Accordingly, McNeely was out of luck.

This decision highlights a critical mistake that too many employees continue to make. They form decisions based on promises that are not reflected in the documents they are later asked to sign. To avoid this scenario, do not blindly sign employment contracts without first having them reviewed and never be reluctant to renegotiate terms.

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Silence not golden for us job-seekers

STUDENT VOICE

NICOLE ABI-NAJEM
TALENTEGG.CA

I graduated with a degree in Radio and Television Arts at Ryerson University in the spring of this past year. In my final semester, I landed a coveted internship at the Late Show with David Letterman in New York City. I returned to Toronto starry-eyed and sure that my resumé would magnetize employers. Months of unemployment later, I'm frustrated and left wondering what went wrong.

My job search began mid-way through my internship at the Late Show, creating a cushion of time to face rejection and find opportunity. I sent out my resumé and cover letter to countless companies across Toronto. I made phone calls and waited.



► Nicole Abi-Najem

My efforts and strategies varied, but the response remained the same: silence. The lack of response was something I attributed to geographical distance. Upon arriving to Toronto, I intensified my search with a broadening focus on creating an online and personal presence. I made daily phone calls with detailed messages, sent hard copies of my resumé, provided links to my projects and networked.

The most irritating aspect of the career search is not rejection, but a sheer lack of response. A silent frustration settles, because my efforts have not met with the validation of a yes or no. My exasperation over

simply hearing back overshadows the job hunt.

Record high unemployment has created desperation and a scramble for the few entry-level offerings available. Employers are inundated with hundreds of resúmes that leave them incapable of giving each applicant adequate attention.

Employers should reward our efforts with their time. There is an understandable gap in the ratio of applications and responses. It's easy to screen resúmes for key words and to rely on technology to select appropriate applicants and, especially in entry-level positions, far too convenient to select those who simply know the right people. If you notice someone making the effort to contact you personally, consider their enthusiasm and dedication as a skill that will translate well in your company and an effort that should at least merit a conversation. Give them advice and take the time to listen.

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What I learned

Key take-aways from Nicole's experience.

- Get to know professionals in your dream industry and ask to chat before asking for a job.
- Use your network to meet employers and keep in touch with them once you do.

Where Nicole is now

I am currently working at Indigo as a Customer Experience Representative. I am also applying to graduate schools to help me find a specific focus in which to concentrate my skills and passion. I have decided to apply for either a master's of journalism or to teacher's college.

The business of rock

► The Grateful Dead as business consultants?



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In 1972, Barry Barnes heard the Grateful Dead for the first time. "Was it a shift in consciousness? Yeah," he explains.

He spent the next 17 years pursuing an MBA and later worked as an executive at John Deere — until 1989, when inspiration struck: What could the Grateful Dead teach the business world?

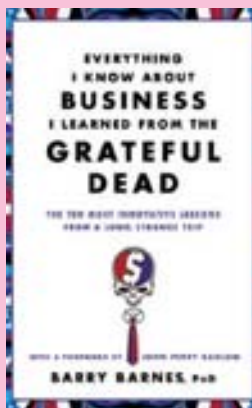
"I could see the dramatic changes in the economy, and I saw businesses struggling to adapt," he explains. "The music was speaking to me in a nonverbal language, saying: 'Look, you talk about adaptability? Here it is. Teamwork? Creativity? Innovation? Reaching out to your customers? These guys know how to do this better than anybody.'"

He promptly quit his job and began a doctoral program at the University of

Kansas, where he hoped to study the "organizational principles of the Grateful Dead."

Now, after 20 years of study, *Everything I Know About Business I Learned from the Grateful Dead: The Ten Most Innovative Lessons from a Long, Strange Trip*, is set to hit bookstores in November.

"The people that I interviewed in the Grateful Dead organization were on the business side. They weren't in the band," says Barnes.



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"I think it's always exciting going into Toronto. Everybody likes playing there because of the atmosphere. Being able to play there before and being on a Canadian team again makes it that much better."

JETS CENTRE KYLE WELLWOOD ON PLAYING IN TORONTO TONIGHT TO TAKE ON HIS FORMER TEAM, THE MAPLE LEAFS.



Scan code for more sports news.

Oilers lit up late by Flames

► Edmonton lets lead slip away with less than six minutes to play in Battle of Alberta

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FLAMES	OILERS

Jay Bouwmeester and Alex Tanguay scored late in the third period last night as the Calgary Flames rallied for a 2-1 victory over the Edmonton Oilers, to continue their recent domination over their provincial rival.

For the game's first 54 minutes, it looked like Tom Gilbert's first-period goal was going to stand up.

Calgary pulled even after a spirited rush into the Oilers end by Lee Stempniak eventually resulted in the puck landing on the stick of Bouwmeester, who beat a screened Devan Dubnyk with a wrist shot at 14:03.

Re-energized and with the Scotiabank Saddledome jumping, the Flames took the lead 89 seconds later.

Cory Sarich's shot from the blue-line into a crowd bounced to the side of the net where Tanguay knocked in his first goal of the year.

After a quiet start to the night, Miikka Kiprusoff finished with 24 saves to improve to 2-2. He made a huge stop at the end of the game, sprawling to deny Anton Lander with his arm at the side of the net.

Kiprusoff also came up huge at the end of the sec-



► Edmonton's Ryan Smyth struggles with Chris Butler as Miikka Kiprusoff covers the puck last night.

ond period to keep the Flames within a goal. After firing just two shots on the Flames target in the period's first 18 minutes, the Oilers peppered Kiprusoff with four shots on a late power play.

Dubnyk made 26 saves for Edmonton (2-2-1).

The Oilers played with seven defencemen when sophomore left-winger Taylor Hall, suffering from the flu, was unable to play. Linus Omark took Hall's spot on a line with Ryan Nugent-Hopkins and Jordan Eberle.

Calgary (2-3-0) got its sea-

16

The Oilers have lost 16 of their last 17 games against the Flames, including nine in a row in Calgary.

son-long six-game homestand off to an excellent start.

Edmonton scored the only goal of the first period capitalizing on a power play, the result of a an undisciplined penalty by Calgary's Tim Jackman,

who got caught cross-checking Cam Barker in a skirmish after the play.

It took only 27 seconds for the Oilers to connect, with Gilbert ripping a hard slapshot past Kiprusoff on the glove side from just inside the blue-line.

Edmonton coach Tom Renney continued his early season pattern of alternating goalies, going with 25-year-old Dubnyk, who played his minor hockey in Calgary.

Dubnyk started the season opener and looked great turning aside 33 of 34

shots in a 2-1 shootout win over Pittsburgh. But in his second game, he surrendered four goals on 26 shots in a loss to Vancouver. He bounced back with a good night against Calgary.

Calgary's best scoring chance of the first 40 minutes came off the stick of Olli Jokinen in the second period. He burst through the Oilers defence and after having his initial shot kicked out by the pad of Dubnyk, the big Finnish centre knocked the rebound off the goal post.

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Marathon session for NBA

NBA players and owners met for more than 14 hours with a federal mediator yesterday, hoping to deliver the progress commissioner David Stern says is needed to avoid cancelling more games.

George Cohen began overseeing the talks at about 10 a.m. Stern sought immediate results in just one day of mediation, say-

ing during interviews last week that proposals could get worse and more games could be lost without a deal yesterday.

"If there's a breakthrough, it's going to come on Tuesday," he told NBA TV. "And if not, I think that the season is really going to potentially escape from us because we aren't making any progress."

This was the longest negotiating session since owners locked out players when the old collective bargaining agreement expired at the end of the day June 30.

Cohen met with the sides individually at their offices Monday before both brought their full bargaining committees to a hotel yesterday.

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UFC

St-Pierre will miss title fight

A knee injury suffered in training yesterday has forced welterweight champion Georges St-Pierre out of next week's UFC 137 title fight with Carlos

(Natural Born Killer) Condit.

"We don't play golf," a muted St-Pierre told The Canadian Press. "It's a full-contact sport. This stuff happens."

St-Pierre sustained a strained knee ligament defending a takedown at Montreal's Tristar Gym in his final week of training. The champion says he will be sidelined about four weeks.

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NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	OTL	SL	GF	GA	Pts	Home	Away	Last 10	Strk
d-Washington	5	5	0	0	0	18	11	10	4-0-0-0	1-0-0-0	5-0-0-0	W5
d-Pittsburgh	8	4	2	1	1	23	20	10	1-1-1-0	3-1-1-0	4-2-1-1	W1
d-Buffalo	5	4	1	0	0	17	10	8	1-1-0-0	3-0-0-0	4-1-0-0	W2
Philadelphia	5	4	0	1	0	21	10	9	1-0-1-0	3-0-0-0	4-0-1-0	W1
Toronto	4	3	0	1	0	13	10	7	3-0-1-0	0-0-0-0	3-0-1-0	L1
Carolina	6	3	2	1	0	17	19	7	1-1-0-0	2-1-1-0	3-2-1-0	W3
NY Islanders	4	3	1	0	0	13	6	6	3-1-0-0	0-0-0-0	3-1-0-0	W3
New Jersey	4	3	1	0	0	9	8	6	2-1-0-0	1-0-0-0	3-1-0-0	W3
Florida	5	3	2	0	0	14	13	6	1-0-0-0	2-2-0-0	3-2-0-0	L1
Boston	6	2	4	0	0	11	13	4	1-3-0-0	1-1-0-0	2-4-0-0	L1
Tampa Bay	6	1	3	0	2	18	26	4	0-1-0-0	1-2-0-2	1-3-0-2	L5
Montreal	5	1	3	0	1	12	16	3	0-2-0-1	1-1-0-0	1-3-0-1	L3
NY Rangers	3	0	1	1	1	5	8	2	0-0-0-0	0-1-1-1	0-1-1-1	L3
Winnipeg	4	1	3	0	0	7	14	2	1-1-0-0	0-2-0-0	1-3-0-0	W1
Ottawa	6	1	5	0	0	16	30	2	1-2-0-0	0-3-0-0	1-5-0-0	L3

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	OTL	SL	GF	GA	Pts	Home	Away	Last 10	Strk
d-Colorado	6	5	1	0	0	20	13	10	0-1-0-0	5-0-0-0	5-1-0-0	W5
d-Dallas	6	5	1	0	0	16	13	10	4-0-0-0	1-1-0-0	5-1-0-0	W4
d-Detroit	4	4	0	0	0	13	5	8	2-0-0-0	2-0-0-0	4-0-0-0	W4
Anaheim	5	4	1	0	0	11	9	8	3-0-0-0	1-1-0-0	4-1-0-0	W4
Minnesota	6	2	2	1	1	14	16	6	2-1-1-0	0-1-0-1	2-2-1-1	L2
Phoenix	4	2	1	0	1	13	11	5	1-0-0-0	1-1-0-1	2-1-0-1	W2
Chicago	4	2	1	0	1	12	10	5	2-0-0-1	0-1-0-0	2-1-0-1	L1
Los Angeles	4	2	1	0	1	9	10	5	1-1-0-0	1-0-0-1	2-1-0-1	W1
Vancouver	5	2	2	0	1	15	15	5	0-0-0-1	2-2-0-0	2-2-0-1	W1
Edmonton	5	2	2	0	1	10	10	5	2-1-0-0	1-1-0-1	2-2-0-1	L1
Nashville	5	2	2	0	1	12	15	5	0-1-0-1	2-1-0-0	2-2-0-1	L3
St. Louis	5	2	3	0	0	15	15	4	1-1-0-0	1-2-0-0	2-3-0-0	L1
Calgary	5	2	3	0	0	13	15	4	1-1-0-0	1-2-0-0	2-3-0-0	W1
San Jose	4	1	3	0	0	10	11	2	1-2-0-0	0-1-0-0	1-3-0-0	L3
Columbus	6	0	5	0	1	12	20	1	0-3-0-1	0-2-0-0	0-5-0-1	L6

d — division leaders ranked 1-2-3 regardless of points; a team winning in overtime or shootout is credited with two points and a victory in the W column; the team losing in overtime or shootout receives one point which is registered in the OTL (overtime loss) or SL (shootout loss) column.

Last night's results

Calgary 2 Edmonton 1
Carolina 4 Boston 1
Pittsburgh 4 Minnesota 2
Dallas 3 Columbus 2
Washington 3 Florida 0
Buffalo 3 Montreal 1
Philadelphia 7 Ottawa 2
N.Y. Rangers at Vancouver
Chicago at Phoenix
St. Louis at Los Angeles

Monday's results

Colorado 3 Toronto 2 (OT)
Edmonton 3 Nashville 1
Winnipeg 2 Pittsburgh 1
Florida 7 Tampa Bay 4
Anaheim 3 San Jose 2

Tonight's game

All times Eastern

Winnipeg at Toronto, 7:30 p.m.

Tomorrow's games

Toronto at Boston, 7 p.m.
Washington at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Montreal at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m.
Winnipeg at Ottawa, 7:30 p.m.
N.Y. Islanders at Tampa Bay, 7:30 p.m.
Buffalo at Florida, 7:30 p.m.
Chicago at Colorado, 9 p.m.
N.Y. Rangers at Calgary, 9 p.m.
Minnesota at Edmonton, 9:30 p.m.
Nashville at Vancouver, 10 p.m.
Los Angeles at Phoenix, 10 p.m.
Friday's games
San Jose at New Jersey, 7 p.m.
Columbus at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Carolina at St. Louis, 8 p.m.
Dallas at Anaheim, 10 p.m.

FLAMES 2, OILERS 1

First Period

1. Edmonton, Gilbert 1 (Potter, Horcoff) 6:42 (pp)
Penalties — Eager Edm, Letourneau-Leblond Cal (misconduct) 2:06, Jackman Cal (high-sticking) 6:15, Barker Edm (tripping) 18:31.

Second Period — No Scoring.

Penalties — Edmonton bench (too many men; served by Omark) 1:42, Belanger Edm (tripping) 14:00, Tanguay Cal (interference) 15:08, Sarich Cal (hooking) 17:43.

Third Period

2. Calgary, Bouwmeester 1 (Jokinen, Stempniak) 14:03
3. Calgary, Tanguay 1 (Sarich, Moss) 15:32

Penalties — Giordano Cal (hooking) 9:29, Glen-cross Cal (high-sticking) 14:04, Giordano Cal (cross-checking) 19:51.

Shots on goal

Edmonton 7 6 12 —25
Calgary 13 4 11 —28

Goal — Edmonton: Dubnyk (L.1-2-0); Calgary: Kiprusoff (W.2-2-0). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — Edmonton: 1-6; Calgary: 0-3. **Attendance** — 19,289 (19,289).

SCORING LEADERS

	G	A	PT
Kessel, Tor	5	4	9
Tavares, NYI	5	3	8
M.Bergeron, TB	2	6	8
Legwand, Nash	2	6	8
Doan, Phx	3	4	7
Kopitar, LA	3	4	7
Vanek, Buf	3	4	7
Versteeg, Fla	3	4	7
D.Sedin, Vcr	2	5	7

Last night's games not included

SABRES 3, CANADIENS 1

First Period — No Scoring.

Penalties — Plekanec Mtl (holding) 7:01, Gagnani Buf (tripping) 12:03, Roy Buf (hooking) 18:07.

Second Period

1. Montreal, Diaz 1 (Pacioretty, Kostitsyn) 2:08
2. Buffalo, Leopold 1 (Stafford, Roy) 12:11
3. Buffalo, Vanek 4 (Gagnani, Pominville) 19:57
Penalties — Ennis Buf (slashing) 5:04, McCormick Buf, Moen Mtl (fighting) 9:20.

Third Period

4. Buffalo, Ehrhoff 1 (Roy) 19:31 (en)
Penalties — Vanek Buf (cross-checking) 1:30, Vanek Buf (cross-checking) 9:07.

Shots on goal

Buffalo 3 12 8 —23
Montreal 14 16 11 —41

Goal — Buffalo: Miller (W.3-1-0); Montreal: Price (L.1-3-1). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — Buffalo: 0-1; Montreal: 0-5. **Attendance** — 21,273 (21,273) at Montreal.

FLYERS 7, SENATORS 2

First Period

1. Philadelphia, Read 2 (Couturier, Carle) 6:20
2. Philadelphia, Simmonds 2 (Read, Giroux) 8:00 (pp)

Second Period

3. Philadelphia, Giroux 4 (Jagr, Pronger) 16:20 (pp)
4. Philadelphia, Talbot 1 (Read, Hartnell) 19:00
Penalties — Smith Ott (boarding) 6:47, Greening Ott (double high-sticking) 16:01, Rinaldo Pha, Konopka Ott (fighting) 19:38.

Penalties — Walker Pha (double high-sticking, fighting), Neil Ott (fighting) 2:37, Alfredsson Ott (interference) 3:09, Carle Pha (hooking) 4:05, Meszaros Pha (holding) 10:32, Lee Ott (holding) 14:48

Third Period

6. Philadelphia, van Riemsdyk (Timonen, Voracek) 15:25 (pp)

7. Philadelphia, Couturier 1 (Carle, Read) 16:01
8. Philadelphia, Zolnierczyk 1 (Talbot) 19:15
9. Ottawa, Karlsson 1 (Konopka, Smith) 19:40

Penalties — Walker Pha (high-sticking) 6:10, Da Costa Ott (hooking) 7:58, Rundblad Ott (delay of game) 14:25, Walker Pha, Konopka Ott (fighting) 19:52.

Shots on goal

Philadelphia 10 7 13 30
Ottawa 3 12 8 23

Goal (shots-saves) — Phi: Babrovsky: (W.1-0-0); **Ott:** Auld (L.0-3-0)(10-6), Anderson (start of second; 20-17). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — Phi: 3-6; **Ott:** 0-6. **Attendance** — 18,059 (19,153) at Ottawa.

MLB PLAYOFFS

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ST. LOUIS (N.L.) VS. TEXAS (A.L.)

Tonight's game

All times Eastern

Texas (Wilson 16-7) at St. Louis (Carpenter 11-9), 8:05 p.m.

Tomorrow's game

Texas (Lewis 14-10) at St. Louis (Garcia 13-7), 8:05 p.m.

Saturday's game

St. Louis (Jackson 12-9) at Texas (Holland 16-5), 8:05 p.m.

Sunday's game

St. Louis (Lohse 14-8) at Texas (Harrison 14-9), 8:05 p.m.

Monday, Oct. 24

x-St. Louis at Texas, 8:05 p.m.

x — if necessary.

NFL

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

EAST

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New England	5	1	0	.833	185	135
Buffalo	4	2	0	.667	188	147
N.Y. Jets	3	3	0	.500	145	131
Miami	0	5	0	.000	75	128

SOUTH

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Tennessee	3	2	0	.600	105	94
Houston	3	3	0	.500	141	124
Jacksonville	1	5	0	.167	72	132
Indianapolis	0	6	0	.000	104	163

NORTH

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Baltimore	4	1	0	.800	148	71
Cincinnati	4	2	0	.667	137	111
Pittsburgh	4	2	0	.667	119	102
Cleveland	2	3	0	.400	91	117

WEST

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
San Diego	4	1	0	.800	120	109
Oakland	4	2	0	.667	160	150
Kansas City	2	3	0	.400	77	150
Denver	1	4	0	.200	105	140

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

EAST

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
N.Y. Giants	4	2	0	.667	154	147
Washington	3	2	0	.600	96	83
Dallas	2	3	0	.400	115	121
Philadelphia	2	4	0	.333	145	145

SOUTH

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Tampa Bay	4	2	0	.667	113	145
New Orleans	4	2	0	.667	177	151
Atlanta	3	3	0	.500	135	147
Carolina	1	5	0	.167	133	163

NORTH

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Green Bay	6	0	0	1.000	197	114
Detroit	5	1	0	.833	178	114
Chicago	3	3	0	.500	146	132
Minnesota	1	5	0	.167	121	145

WEST

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
San Francisco	5	1	0	.833	167	97
Seattle	2	3	0	.400	94	122
Arizona	1	4	0	.200	96	121
St. Louis	0	5	0	.000	49	137

Monday's result

N.Y. Jets 24 Miami 6

WEEK SEVEN

All times Eastern

Sunday's games

Houston at Tennessee, 1 p.m.
Washington at Carolina, 1 p.m.
San Diego at N.Y. Jets, 1 p.m.
Seattle at Cleveland, 1 p.m.
Denver at Miami, 1 p.m.
Chicago vs. Tampa Bay at London, 1 p.m.
Kansas City at Oakland, 4:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Arizona, 4:05 p.m.
St. Louis at Dallas, 4:15 p.m.
Green Bay at Minnesota, 4:15 p.m.
Indianapolis at New Orleans, 8:20 p.m.
Byes: Buffalo, Cincinnati, N.Y. Giants, New England, Philadelphia, San Francisco
Monday, Oct. 24
x-Baltimore at Jacksonville, 8:30 p.m.

CFL

EAST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	T	PF	PA	Pt
x-Montreal	15	10	5	0	462	373	20
x-Winnipeg	15	9	6	0	360	350	18
x-Hamilton	15	7	8	0	420	416	14
Toronto	15	4	11	0	313	429	8

WEST DIVISION

WEST DIVISION							
	GP	W	L	T	PF	PA	P
x-B.C.	15	9	6	0	429	322	18
x-Edmonton	15	9	6	0	353	328	18
x-Calgary	15	8	7	0	424	412	18
Saskatchewan	15	4	11	0	294	431	12

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Leaf is no fancy golf cart

► In fact, Nissan's electric offering is quite the car

Let's get one thing straight: the Nissan Leaf electric car is a fine piece of engineering.

It achieves the objectives its planners set out for it, and functions very well as an automobile.

Canadian customers can go online and reserve their Leaf now, starting at \$38,395, with first deliveries scheduled for later this fall.

The larger question is: does the Leaf — does any pure electric car — make any sense?

Or is the entire Leaf program a multi-billion dollar public relations exercise instituted by Nissan to counter the fact that arch-rival Toyota has captured the high ground on hybrids, whose practicality is at least as equally dubious?

The Leaf is built on what Nissan calls a dedicated platform, shared with other electric cars from the Nissan-Renault Alliance, although I'll bet you'd find similarities in some chassis and suspension components to other front-wheel drive Nissan compacts.

Leaf is officially classified as a mid-size car, having total interior space roughly equivalent to Nissan's Altima. It seats four comfortably, five in somewhat of a pinch.

Power to the AC synchronous electric motor comes from a Lithium-Ion battery pack consisting of 48 four-cell modules nestled under the floor where it takes little space away from passengers and cargo.

Nissan Leaf facts

- **Motor:** 80 KW AC Synchronous electric motor.
- **Power/Torque:** 107 hp/207 lbs.-ft.
- **Competition:** Chevrolet Volt, Mitsubishi i-MiEV.
- **What's Best:** Quick acceleration; quiet inside and out; relaxing to drive; feels like a 'real' car, not a glorified golf cart.
- **What's Worst:** Range still not large enough to be practical, at least not as an 'only' car; message centre and Owners Manual together weren't sufficient to diagnose a no-start condition.

Only when the 60/40 split rear seatbacks are folded does the high bulkhead between rear seat and trunk become obtrusive, preventing the loading of bulky objects.

Electric motors generate their maximum torque at zero r.p.m., which means the 107 horsepower 207 lb.-ft. unit launches the 1,525 kg Leaf away from rest at a satisfying rate.

Nissan won't quote a 0-100 km/h number, but various Internet sources suggest mid-seven seconds, which is very good.

There is no transmission as such in the Leaf; the motor winds up until it runs out of revs at around 140 km/h. Reverse simply runs the motor backwards.

If you choose the ECO mode, acceleration is considerably more leisurely; the payoff is longer range.



► The Nissan Leaf is set to arrive in Canada this fall.

Nissan says Leaf is good for about 160 kilometres of normal driving. Lights, wipers, A/C, etc., will affect this; hard acceleration and high speeds dramatically so. A multi-screen display gives you the distances possible in either normal or ECO mode. It even draws concentric circles on the standard SatNav map to give you a clear indication of where you are and where you can get to. If you do have to call the Roadside Assistance number to get flat-bedded home, you can't say you weren't warned.

Electric motors are a lot quieter than internal combustion engines. The obvious advantage is a quiet ride; the loudest thing you'll hear apart from the sound system is the engine cooling fans up front.

Driving the Leaf is simplicity itself. Punch the On button, and when you get the green Ready light on the instrument panel, pull the shift lever left and back,



► Despite the mid-size label, it feels like a compact — perhaps the interior cubic volume stems from the very tall roof, which also enables comfortable seating positions for almost anyone.

hit the gas, and off you go.

A substantial portion of Leaf's braking effect is achieved by electric resistance as opposed to friction — the regenerative brakes convert kinetic energy back into electricity to re-charge the battery.

These are standard fare in electrics and hybrids; the trick usually is massaging brake feel as the system transitions from "regen" to

friction and back again. Leaf does this as well — probably better — than any other such system I have tried. As I said at the start, the Leaf functions very well as a car. It fulfills Nissan's promise that it drives like a real car, not a fancy golf cart. It also is very relaxing to drive.

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5 drive

Charging the Leaf

- A so-called "Level 3 DC Fast" installation can get it to 80 per cent charge in about 30 minutes. Problem: there are no Level 3 stations in Canada available to Leaf drivers at the moment, and only 20 in all of the United States.
- The Level 2 system involves fitting a 240 volt charging station into your garage at a cost of around \$3,000. This will fill 'er up in about seven hours — essentially, overnight.
- Finally, a trickle charge from a standard 110 volt outlet will take about 18 hours.

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Not so fast or furious

► Driving a Sprint Cup car an eye-opening experience — even under 100 m.p.h.

Peering through a windshield no bigger than a crawl space while pinned into what feels like a baby seat, the world appears to flash by from behind the wheel of a Sprint Cup car.

Viewed trackside, it looks more like rush-hour traffic putzing along a highway.

Then you realize you were the slowest of your group and that it was probably closer to the speed of a horse-drawn carriage than Jimmie Johnson.

Sadly, that's what happened during a recent eight-lap run with the Richard Petty Driving Experience at Phoenix International Raceway.

Given a chance to test out the new surface at PIR's 1-mile oval, I failed.

Miserably.

I've topped 115 miles per hour on the open highway, plowed through blizzards with one-foot drifts, whipped through roundabouts in Paris with ease.

Get behind the wheel of Sprint Cup car, one of the most powerful cars in the world, one that some might give up an organ for a chance to drive, and I putter around like one of those brake-heavy snowbirds who travel down from the north to fill Arizona's roads every winter.

The biggest reason: driving one of these beasts is disorienting.

It may look easy watching Johnson, Jeff Gordon and Dale Earnhardt Jr. race around in circles on TV, but nothing about being behind the wheel of a Sprint Cup car is comfortable.

It starts with the fire suit.

Besides making you look drop-dead sexy, they're uncomfortable, sweat lodge hot and not exactly form fitting. Maybe I got one that was too small, but I felt like someone had hiked me up from behind and was carrying me around by the seat of my pants.

After that, you put on a moon-sized helmet that tests your neck strength, then get strapped into the HANS device, which gives

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Writer John Marshall's top speed, in miles per hour, on the track.

you sort of a Star Wars look, not to mention making it hard to turn your head. The full-body turn to look at someone becomes a must.

Any racing fan knows that the doors don't open on Sprint Cup cars, but they may not know that climbing through that window with a giant bulb on your head feels like that time you locked your keys in the house and got stuck in the dog door.

The driver's compartment looks as if someone

randomly welded a bunch of metal together and has the claustrophobic feel of a being shoved into a foot locker. It feels even tighter when they attach the steering wheel, which, in itself, takes a little getting used to — as in, is that thing going to stay attached?

The windshield is smaller than you'd expect and the rearview mirror is distorted, like something you'd imagine Benjamin Franklin used while shaving.

The waiver form didn't help, either. Filled with legalese and about 50 places to initial and sign, it's much easier to just scribble your signature quickly across the pages without reading the fine print.



► Associated Press writer John Marshall got to drive in a Sprint Cup car for an eight-lap run on a new track in Arizona.

You're driving a race car, so pretty much figure it says "You may get maimed or killed and we're not responsible."

Once you get going, the concentration level gets ratcheted up exponentially.

There's no fiddling with the radio or texting while driving one of these. From the moment you hear the roar of the engine and feel that 600-horsepower machine vibrating underneath you, you're locked in, the rest of the outside world

blackened out.

As they said in the safety and instruction meeting before the session, the key to driving in the Richard Petty Driving Experience is all about three things: distance — three car lengths — driving line and speed.

For me, it was fail, fail, fail.

The lead cars have a green light on the right telling you when to speed up and a yellow on the left when you get too close.

My problem was getting past the feeling that the car was going to slide off the track.

Overall, driving a Sprint Cup car is certainly an eye-opening experience, one that provides a greater appreciation for what the big boys do with those monster machines.

OK, so this is coming from the perspective of someone who drives a boxy SUV, but I can at least say it's nothing like driving on the freeway.

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► NASCAR star Jimmy Johnson pulls onto pit row prior to taking a few test laps at Phoenix International Raceway this month.

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Subaru has recently moved their popular Legacy sport sedan into its fifth generation for the 2010 model year — meaning the fourth-generation car has now transitioned fully into the used car marketplace.

For its last generation, Legacy was available in both sedan and wagon body styles.

Numerous special models were available, and feature content included heated leather seats, automatic climate control, a sunroof, remote access and more.

All-wheel drive was standard on all models.

2005 to 2009 Subaru Legacy



Engine

Available were a 2.5-litre four-cylinder boxer engine with 170 horsepower, a turbocharged version thereof making up to 250 horsepower, and a three-litre flat six.



What owners like

Legacy owners typically rate fuel mileage, handling and dynamics, responsiveness and interior build quality the most highly. All-weather confidence thanks to the standard AWD system is also typically raved about, too.



What owners dislike

Legacy owners typically wish for more interior room, a more spacious rear seat, and more performance from the standard engine. Some owners report heavy fuel consumption from the turbocharged engine, too.



Common issues

Look for rust on the used Legacy's trunk lid, and especially the trunk lip. You'll have to open the trunk to see any rust forming here. Have a look under the vehicle for signs of rust or leaky differentials, as well as leaky engine or transmission seals. A squealing or scraping noise from the front of the engine while idling could be caused by a belt-tensioner pulley that's starting to fail.

Verdict

Typically, Subaru drivetrains and powerplants are known to be very solid and reliable if properly maintained. If everything checks out, a well-maintained last-generation Legacy should prove an enjoyable and confidence-inspiring ride for years to come.

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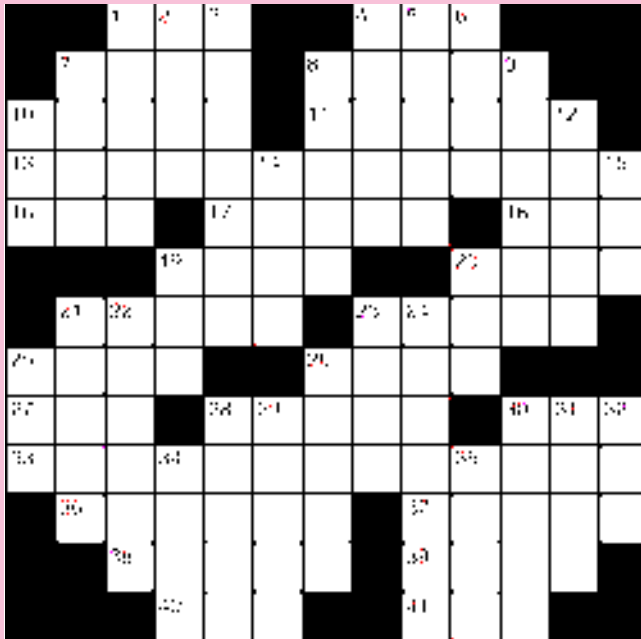
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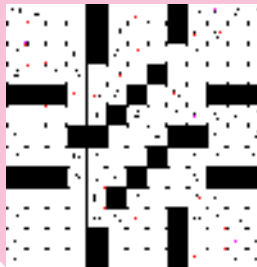
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21 Gets better
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25 Frog's cousin
26 "Desire Under the —"
27 Ph. bk. data
28 Khartoum's country
30 "Wham!"
33 Unimpeachable information
36 100 per cent, as an effort
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39 Pastoral piece
40 Pigs' home
41 Cleo's slayer

Down

- 1 "Nevermore" sayer
2 Assert
3 Doctor-related
4 Pulling no punches
5 Foe of Bullwinkle
6 Hallmark offering
7 Citrus fruit
8 Pursuit
9 Bygone German leader
10 Young fellow
12 Nonsense
14 Swindles
15 Boy king of Egypt
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22 Atelier supports
23 Dressed
24 Memory loss
25 Stick with a kick
26 Tends texts
28 Nose



Yesterday's answer



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Today's horoscope

♈ Aries March 21-April 20 You must be honest about what you can do today, even if it means you have to disappoint someone.

♉ Taurus April 21-May 21 You need to patch things up with someone you have been having an on-off argument with for weeks.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21 It's as if you're walking around with a force field that repels negative vibrations. Let positive people in.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22 You may not be a typical tough guy, but you know how to get things done while others are panicking. Do it.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug. 23 Your powers of imagination are high at the moment, as is your sensitivity to other people's needs.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24-Sept. 22 You'll charm your way out of a tough spot but it won't solve the issue that got you there in the first place.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 If you go out of your way to help someone in need today, he or she will do you a good deed in return.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22 You seem a lot more laid back these days. Venus moves through your birth sign, offering perspective.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21

You will have to choose between making your own life more enjoyable or helping someone.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20

You will see the good in every person you meet today, and it will make your world better place.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18

You'll be in demand so much today that you'll need to turn down more invitations than you accept.

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20. If you are involved in anything of a creative nature, it is sure to go well. **SALLY BROMPTON**

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Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's answer ►

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